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1. THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS FORBIDDEN PARTICIPATION OF TAIWANESE SCIENTISTS IN SUBJECT SYMPOSIUM. TWO TAIWANESE (NAMES NOT AVAILABLE) CAME INTO THE PHILIPPINES ON TOURIST VISAS AND REGISTERED AT THE SYMPOSIUM. HOWEVER, THE NIGHT BEFORE THE OPENING PLENARY SESSION, WHICH FEATURED AN ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT MARCOS, THE PROTOCOL OFFICE OF DFA INFORMED THE TAIWANESE IF THEY PARTICIPATED IN THE SYMPOSIUM IN ANY WAY THEY WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THEIR VISAS. ZOILO ALBERTO OF DFA PROTOCOL OFFICE, WHO WAS STATIONED AT THE DOOR AS OFFICIAL GREETER, TOLD EMBOFF HE HAD INSTRUCTIONS TO "THROW THE TAIWANESE OUT BODILY" IF THEY SHOWED UP. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE TAIWANESE DID NOT SHOW UP AT THE OPENING PLENARY.

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- 2. THE ACTION OF SHUTTING OUT THE TAIWANESE WAS A RESULT, ACCORDING TO ALBERTO, OF "STRONG DIPLOMATIC PROTEST" LODGED BY THE PRC EMBASSY IN MANILA TO THE DFA CONCERNING TAIWANESE PARTICIPATION, GIVEN THAT FIVE MAINLAND CHINESE SCIENTISTS WERE ALSO REGISTERED.
- 3. THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE SYMPOSIUM CO-SPONSORS, ENVI-

RONMENTAL RESEARCH, INSTITUTE OF MICHIGAN (ERIM), IS THAT MATTER IS DIPLOMATIC ONE TO BE SETTLED BY THE HOST GOVERNMENT. ERIM HAD AN OBLIGATION TO REGISTER THE TAIWANESE IF THEY SHOWED UP AND ASKED. ERIM REPRESENTATIVES ARE SOMEWHAT DISAPPOINTED AT EXCLUSION OF TAIWANESE BECAUSE ROC HAS BEEN A SUPPORTER, BOTH SUBSTANTIVELY AND FINANCIALLY, OF THE SYMPOSIUM SINCE ITS INCEPTION.

4. ACCORDING TO JOHN SMITH OF DAEDALUS ENTERPRISES, INC. (SOURCE OF ORIGINAL REPORTS ON PRC PARTICIPATION CITED IN REFTEL A), THE PRC SCIENTISTS ARE NOT THE LEAST PERTURBED BY PRESENCE OF TAIWANESE SCIENTISTS. HE CREDITS SHUT-OUT TO OVER-REACTION BY GOP. STULL

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